

6. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 13%% for the quarter ended September 30, 1996. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: October 18, 1996.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Proposed Change in Data Source Used To Determine Tribal Child Counts; Request for Comments on Proposed Approach and Process

AGENCY: Administration on Children Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed change in data source used to determine tribal child counts; request for comments on proposed approach and process.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Proposed Self-Certification Process for Tribal Child Counts Used to Calculate Tribal Allotments Under the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The purpose of utilizing a self-certification process for tribal grantees is to assist the Agency in fulfilling its Congressional mandate to serve low-income children under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). To ensure accuracy in determining tribal allotments under the CCDBG, ACF is proposing a new strategy of self-reporting, instead of continuing its current practice of using data reported in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) "Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates Report."

DATES: The Department invites comments on this proposed data collection method, particularly on whether a self-certification process will result in accurate and timely information reflecting current child count data. Written comments must be submitted on or before November 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to: Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 320-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginny Gorman, Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 320-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction and Purpose

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) provides funding to States, Territories and Federally-recognized Tribes to provide services to children from low-income families who need child care either because a parent is working or attending a training or educational program or because the family is receiving or needs to receive protective services.

The CCDBG statute requires the Secretary to obtain the most recent data

and information necessary, from each appropriate Federal agency, to determine state funding allotments. There is no similar statutory requirement for determining tribal allotments.

The Final Rule implementing the CCDBG program stated that the BIA Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates Report, published biennially, was determined to be the most suitable, available data source for CCDBG purposes. However, problems have developed in its use. Due to cutbacks in BIA personnel, this Report has not been published on schedule. The fiscal year (FY) 1996 CCDBG tribal allotments will be based on 1993 data since the scheduled 1995 Report has not yet been published.

In addition, the BIA Report is limited because it does not include Alaska-specific data. Consequently, ACF uses Census data to determine CCDBG allotments for Alaskan grantees. Thus, for purposes of CCDBG allocations, child count data are currently collected from two separate data sources which do not match in the timing of available data or types of information collected.

In order to continue to provide for the best available data source to determine the number of children eligible to receive CCDBG funds in each tribe or tribal consortia, ACF has again reviewed potential data sources.

After a thorough review of the available data options, ACF has determined that it would be in the best interest of the tribes, as well as ACF, to utilize a self-certification process since it would afford tribes the opportunity to select a data source, or utilize a method for counting tribal children, which most accurately reflects its child population.

Further, through a tribal self-certification process, the child count data will be available with minimal lag time and will more accurately reflect the natural fluctuations in child population. With current sources, it can take 2 to 3 years for changes in population (such as reaching a child population of 50) to be reflected in the data source.

This approach supports the President's April 29, 1994, mandate to Federal agencies which reaffirms the government-to-government relationship and directs agencies to design solutions and tailor Federal programs, in appropriate circumstances, to address specific or unique needs of tribal communities.

Proposed Process for Self-Certification

ACF intends to include a new section in the FY 1997 Program Instruction for tribal CCDBG applicants which describes the process for tribes to follow